

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 09/810,489)	Group Art Unit: 2457
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For: EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT)	Confirmation No.: 8259
APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT)	
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND)	
EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT METHOD)	

REQUEST TO COMPLETE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reviewing the application identified above upon allowance, the undersigned has noted:

- ☒ The Notice of Allowance shows the following discrepancies: The First Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on August 20, 2001 and the Second IDS filed on November 24, 2008 have not been considered.

A copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the First IDS was returned with the Office Action dated November 17, 2004. It appears that the Examiner signed the copy of the Form PTO-1449 returned with the November 17, 2004 Office Action. However, the Examiner's initials were not placed next to the cited documents to indicate consideration of the cited documents. A copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the First IDS and returned with the November 17, 2004 Office Action is enclosed.

The Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Second IDS was not returned with the Notice of Allowance to indicate consideration of the cited documents. The Second IDS was filed before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance, after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, and therefore is entitled to consideration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(4). A copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Second IDS is enclosed.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is therefore requested to correct these discrepancies and issue a corrected Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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